

EMR SDGs Learning Platform-Newsletter



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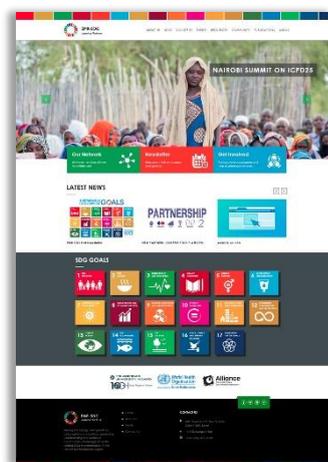
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Sharing knowledge, best practices, policy options and solutions; promoting understanding and action on opportunities, challenges of health related SDGs implementation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.



LAUNCHING THE VIRTUAL EMR-SDGs LEARNING PLATFORM

The virtual EMR-SDGs learning platform <http://emrsgdsglearn.net> is currently under construction. The basic design is done and is being tested. The first showcasing of the virtual platform will occur on 21 November 2019 during the first meeting of the EMRO Commission on Social Determinants of Health. For more information about the EMRO Commission meeting see the Events section below. The EMR-SDGs learning platform is both an offline network and an online virtual space that contribute to the achievement of health-related SDGs through identifying and disseminating best practices.



NEW PARTNER INSTITUTIONS JOIN EMR-SDGs LEARNING PLATFORM

Three national institutions joined The EMR-SDGs Learning Platform as champion partners: Egypt Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform; Jordan High Health Council; Morocco National Observatory for Human Development; two other institutions have been invited: League of Arab States and Sudan's Federal Ministry of Health. Representatives from the five institutions are expected to attend the first consultation meeting of the EMR-SDGs learning platform, tentatively planned for January. Partner institutions are purposively selected for their expertise, political leverage, and wide outreach. Strong partnerships guarantee the effectiveness of the platform regional networking.

Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All

A new approach to strengthening collaboration in global health among 12 multilateral health, development and humanitarian agencies to advance all the SDG 3 targets and channel around one-third of development assistance for health annually. Through the Plan, the agencies will support countries deliver on the health-related SDGs and related international commitments to health. More details can be found at <https://www.who.int/sdg/global-action-plan>

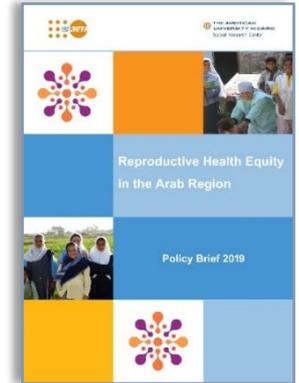




“Achieving Sexual and Reproductive Health Equity in the Arab Region” Policy Brief:

Building on analytical reports from five countries (Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Sudan), this policy brief identifies the severe inequalities in a large number of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) indicators resulting from unfairness in system performance, social risks and upstream determinants of SRH. The brief offers broad policy recommendations that call for a policy reform movement including: articulating SRH equity (SRHE) as a whole of government responsibility, establishing institutional structures to oversee implementation, enforcing SRHE impact assessment of all policies, developing surveillance systems for monitoring and accountability, and adopting policies, with enough devoted resources, for fostering equality between social groups. The recommendations also highlight the need for wider participatory engagement.

For more details visit <http://www.emrsgdsglearn.net/>



Regional action plan for promoting the health of migrants, refugees and displaced populations.

Summary report on: http://applications.emro.who.int/docs/ic_meet_Rep_2019_EN_23451.pdf?ua=1

Adopting an integrated sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Summary report on: http://applications.emro.who.int/docs/IC_Meet_Rep_2019_WRH_108_en.pdf?ua=1



UPCOMING EVENTS

Arab Sustainable Development Week. *Cairo, Egypt, 3-6 November 2019*

The Arab Sustainable Development Week is particularly important as it looks into ways to ensure that government policymakers adopt the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals as part of the national development strategy.

More details at: <http://www.asdweek.com/>

The Nairobi Summit on ICPD25: Accelerating the promise. *Nairobi, Kenya, 12-14 November 2019*

More details at: <https://www.nairobisummiticpd.org/>

EMRO Commission on Social Determinants of Health in the Eastern Mediterranean. *Cairo, Egypt, 20-21 November 2019*

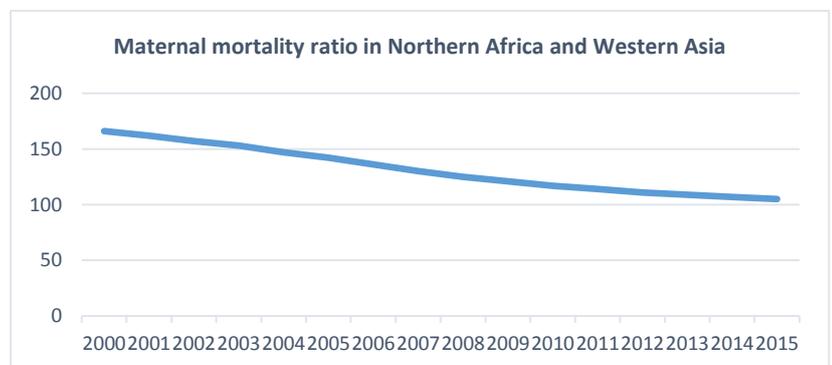
The meeting will discuss and agree on key thematic areas of the commission, the methodology to collect evidence and develop recommendations for use by the governments and relevant organizations. During the meeting, EMR SDGs Learning Platform, a collaborative venture of WHO/EMRO, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, and Social research Center of the American University in Cairo will also be launched.



KNOWLEDGE

Preventable maternal deaths down from 2000, but rate of progress at a crawl.

<https://arabstates.unfpa.org/en/news>



NEW DATA: The 2018 Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey is now available at www.erfdataportal.com

This fourth wave of the survey includes an extended health module.

